Snake bite education to the rural public

2838. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of snake bites reported State-wise annually during the last three years;

(b) the number of them that have been treated successfully and the number that had been lethal out of the same; and

(c) the proposals, if any, to educate the rural public that allopathic anti-venom treatment is positively a cure for snake bite; and the other measures taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of snake bite cases treated in State hospitals as outdoor as well as indoor patients and deaths of indoor patients as reported by the Directors of Health Services of various States and UTs for the last three years, is shown in annexure, (*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 114).

(c) The various mass-media such as TV, Newspapers etc., and the Health Personnel in the State/U.Ts. are imparting Health education to the public for getting effective and timely treatment against bites by poisonous snakes and the urgency to bring the patients to the Health Centres or Hospitals for treatment.

Black listing of WMI (cranes) Ltd., Bombay

2839. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have blacklisted the WMI (Cranes) Limited, Bombay for its failure to supply equipment to Kandla Port Trust, Kandla in time;

(b) whether the company has conducted itself in a similar manner in respect of other Government Undertakings as well;

(c) whehther the KPT has not realised the damages suffered by it on this account from the company so far; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is proposed to be taken against the said company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The question of blacklisting the firm is under examination of the Ministry.

(b) Information is being collected from other Departments of the Government.

(c) and (d) Kandla Port Trust has realised the full amount of liquidated damages as per the contract amounting to Rs. 5.84 lakhs for delay in supply of wharf cranes.

2840. [Transferred to the 27th August, 1987]

Decline in the Standard of education

2841. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standard of education (Degree and Post-graduate) both academic and professional is comparatively getting lowered when compared to that of developed countries especially that of European countries;

(b) whether Government are aware that many foreign Governments and universities insist on qualifying examinations before entertaining students from Indian Universities while seeking further studies in those countries; and

(c) if so, what are the measures taken by Government to increase the standard of our university education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) It is